



Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance Reporting Form

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1a	Is your agency adopting a single agency ordinance OR a regional agency alliance ordinance?	Single Agency Ordinance ▼
1b	Date of adoption OR anticipated adoption:	11/17/2015
2a	Reporting period:	
2b	December 1, 2015 through December 28, 2015 (all agencies)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
2c	February 1, 2016 through February 28, 2016 (additional reporting period for agencies crafting regional ordinances with other agencies)	<input type="radio"/>
3a	Are you using:	a locally modified Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELO) ▼
3b	For agencies who have adopted a modified WELO	
3c	Is it at least as efficient as MWEL0?	Yes ▼
3d	URL for your WELO	http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=679
3e	List major changes from the State's MWEL0	No natural turf in new commercial/industrial developments, increased applicability of WELO for commercial/industrial building permits, and limitation of natural turf to warm-season grasses for all applicable projects.
3f	If specific types of projects are exempt (other than those already specified in MWEL0), state what they are and the sections of the ordinance that they are exempt from.	N/A
3g	Have elements from other regulations been incorporated (e.g., tree shading percent coverage requirement, stormwater capture requirements).	No ▼
3h	If yes, describe:	
4	If other agencies are implementing the ordinance, explain their role:	N/A
5	Permitted projects subject to the ordinance during the reporting period (*e.g., single family residences, commercial projects, landscape retrofits for which permits were finalized during the reporting period, etc.):	0
6a	Total landscape area subject to the ordinance over the reporting period:	1 -



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6b	Unit of Measure (sq. ft. or acres)	Square Feet ▼
7a	During the reporting period, how many of the following types of projects did your agency issue final permits on:	
7b	new housing starts	-
7c	new commercial projects	-
7d	landscape retrofits	-
8	Describe the procedure for review of projects subject to the ordinance:	Landscaping and water efficiency is evaluated concurrently with all other features of a given building permit- no separate permit is required.
9a	Describe actions taken to verify compliance:	A landscape sheet will be submitted as part of the building permit submittal, and reviewed by staff for compliance with the ordinance.
9b	Is a plan check performed?	Yes ▼
9c	If so, by what entity?	City of Porterville
10	Describe implementation and enforcement measures:	Hardscape, irrigation components, and landscape are reviewed during the final inspection on a building permit. Failure to construct and install water efficient landscape and irrigation would result in withholding of an applicant's final approval for the building permit. Subsequent lack of compliance would be addressed through the City's standard code violation abatement procedures, outlined in Chapter 1 of the Porterville Municipal Code.
11	Explain challenges to implementing and enforcing the ordinance:	In this first time period, there were no applicable projects. However, staff anticipates increased staff time required to implement and oversee the program will be the primary challenge. Also, the perceived increase in process resulting from the ordinance is still being absorbed by the development community.
12	Describe educational and other needs to properly apply the ordinance:	Staff is working to develop an FAQ sheet on the new requirements to help projects and applicants navigate the process, with a specialized focus on helping smaller project applicants such as the individual homeowner comply with the new requirements.
13	Additional Comments:	

[Please submit reports, including a copy of your local water efficient landscape ordinance, via email to \[WELO@water.ca.gov\]\(mailto:WELO@water.ca.gov\) by December 31, 2015. Agencies preparing a regional ordinance must submit an additional report by March 1, 2016. For questions, please call Ms. Julie Saare-Edmonds at \(916\) 651-9676.](#)